

PATENT
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Jia Ping Li, Pierre Jean François Layrolle, and) Examiner:
Klaas de Groot) Kathleen A. McNelis
Serial No.: 10/647,022) Art Unit:
Filed: August 18, 2003) 1742
Title: POROUS METALS AND METAL) Conf. No.: 1537
COATINGS FOR IMPLANTS)

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Commissioner for Patents
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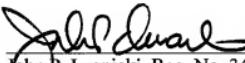
PETITION FOR ONE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. section 1.136, Applicants hereby petition that the period for response to Examiner's action mailed August 21, 2006, be extended for one month to and including December 21, 2006.

Please apply the instant fee, in the amount of \$60.00, and any other charges or any credits to our Deposit Account No. 19-0733.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: December 20, 2006


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